THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Saturday, the 7th August 1965.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU) in the Chair.

I. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Special Tahsildars in Kanyakumari district.

a * 48 *Q.*—SRI M. SANKARALINGAM PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons who were promoted as Special Tahsildars in Kanyakumari district from 1st January 1964; and

(*b*) the number of Special Tahsildars appointed for the procurement of foodgrains in this district, and among them the number of Special Tahsildars belonging to the Kanyakumari district?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (*a*) Out of seven persons promoted temporarily and posted as Tahsildars and Special Tahsildars in Kanyakumari district from 1st January 1964, five persons were posted as Special Tahsildars.

(*b*) Five Special Tahsildars were appointed for the procurement of foodgrains in Kanyakumari district. Among them one belongs to Kanyakumari district.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: What is the duty and specific purpose for which these officers are appointed?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: These officers are for the special purpose of procurement.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Sir, what is the total quota allotted for the Kanyakumari district, and to what extent the Government have effected procurement?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: A separate question may be put.

Distribution of sugar

a* 49 *Q.*—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to the Legislative Council question No. 159, dated the 12th March 1965—

(*a*) the total quantity of sugar distributed throughout the State during 1963–64; and

(*b*) the quantity distributed to each district?

Questions postponed from the list of questions for 4th August 1965.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

திரு. என். ஆர். தியாகராஜன் : இந்தக் குறிப்பில் கண்டபடி ஒவ்வொரு ஜில்லாவுக்கும் சமமாக விகிதாசாரப்படி பங்கிடப்படுகிறதா? அல்லது வேறு முறையில் பங்கிடப்படுகிறது என்று திட்டம் இருந்தால் அது இந்த சபைமுன் வைக்கப்படுமா?

கனம் திரு. வி. ராமய்யா : முக்கியமாக ஜனத்தொகை அடிப்படையில்தான் தரப்படுகிறது. அதற்கடுத்தபடியாக கவனத்தில் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படுகிற விஷயம் அங்கு இருக்கக்கூடிய சர்க்கரை உபயோகிக்கும் தொழிற்சாலை, ஹாண்டல், குவார்ட்டர்கள், இது போன்றவைகளை அனுசரித்துக் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது கோட்டா.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us the mode of distribution to individual families in the different towns?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : A separate question may be put.

திரு. ஜி. கிருஷ்ணமூர்த்தி : புதிதாக உற்பத்தி செய்யப்படும் கன்ட்சாரி சர்க்கரை எவ்வளவு உற்பத்தி செய்யப்படுகிறது? எவ்வளவு வினியோகிக்கப்படுகிறது?

கனம் திரு. வி. ராமய்யா : தனிக் கேள்வி போடவேண்டும்.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDAN : Sir, was there any complaint that the distribution was not proper in the City of Madras, and, if so, what action was taken by the Government.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : A separate question may be put.

திரு. க. அன்பழகன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, 1963-ம் ஆண்டில் சர்க்கரை எவ்வாறு வினியோகிக்கப்பட்டது என்று அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Through the retailers basing the requirement on the demand of the particular town or village.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Was there any complaint about the distribution of sugar in that area from the district people ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I do not have the information.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Will the Hon. Minister tell us, Sir, who procured the sugar, what was the quantity procured, and where was the sugar stocked by the Government of Madras or the Government of India ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : It is allotted from the production centre to the agents.

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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Was any sugar imported from other States for distribution in this State, and was the sugar produced here itself distributed to the people of the State in 1963-64?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I do not have the information.

Construction of bridge at the North spill-way of Chingleput lake.

a * 54 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether any bridge is under construction at the north spill-way of Chingleput lake; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 4.06 lakhs.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : What is the need for a bridge at such a high cost at that place?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : To meet the requirements and standards of a national highway.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : There was no necessity at all. Even the present road is quite all right and can take any kind of load or any kind of traffic just at that place. What is the special importance for this bridge, when other important bridges like the Vidur bridge, which collapsed a year before, were negelected and the bridge in Chingleput given more importance?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : There is no comparison between the collapsed bridge and this work. This work on the highway was planned and carried out according to the priority fixed. The repair to the Vidur bridge, which the hon. Member referred to and which collapsed, is also being attended to.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Sir, will the Hon. Minister tell us whether the Government are aware of the fact that traffic has been stopped on many occasions on account of the surplus water flowing down the spill-way near Chingleput ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : That is the reason.

Tanks within the municipal limits of Madurai City

a * 55 Q.—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) the number of tanks within the Municipal limits of Madurai City;

(b) the number of unutilized tanks among them;

(c) whether attempts were made to have the tanks assigned; and

a Questions postponed from the list of questions for 5th August 1965.